

**HARRISBURG PARK BOARD  
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUGUST 12, 2015  
HELD AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE LIBERTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOARD ROOM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Tank called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: DeBruin, Kindt, McMahon, and Tank. Staff present: Brown, McMahon, Pietrus, Remmerde, and Thurston. Council member Berg and eight guests were also present.

Chairman Tank noted the recent resignation of Board member Justin VanOrmer which leaves three member seats open.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

1. To approve the agenda for the August 12, 2015 regular meeting.

No changes to the agenda were made and the Chairman directed approval of the agenda as presented.

2. To approve the meeting minutes of July 8, 2015.

Kindt moved, with DeBruin seconding, to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2015 Park Board meeting. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

**NEW BUSINESS**

3. Jon and Annie of Stockwell Engineers presented the Central Park Development Plan, which reflects comments and changes made at the previous committee meetings. There was extensive discussion of the details of the Plan with several changes suggested. Stockwell is working with the Devitts and their developer on the location and sizing of the proposed stormwater detention pond, which may result in modifications to the Plan. Stockwell will present the completed Plan to the City Council in September and, depending on financing, hopes to have the grading project ready for bid and construction in 2016.
4. Park Update: Thurston gave an update of recent maintenance activities and issues as well as recent vandalism at several parks. He also presented a quote for fertilizer for a demonstration project on improving park turf beginning this fall. After discussion, DeBruin moved, with Kindt seconding, to recommend to the City Council that up to \$500 be approved from the Park budget for the demonstration project. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote. The Board also discussed the impacts of the continuing vandalism at Ellis Larson Park. DeBruin moved, with Kindt seconding, to recommend to the City Council that the bathroom and storage buildings at Ellis Larson Park be surplused to salvage and removed from the park as soon as possible without replacement. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.
5. City Update: Pietrus reported on the preparation of the 2016 budget and progress on construction of the trail to Freedom Elementary School.

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6. Foundation Update: Josh Sisson reported that the Foundation is moving forward with the sale of the Central Park property to the City. He also noted that the Foundation has openings on its board of directors.
7. HBA Update: Ratzloff thanked the City maintenance crew for their work on the fields through the summer baseball and softball seasons. The HBA is working to get the fields ready for the fall baseball season.
8. Review of the park donation fund history. Pietrus briefly reviewed the fund history with the Park Board.

**OLD BUSINESS**

No input or discussion was offered.

**ADJOURNMENT**

DeBruin moved, with Kindt seconding, to adjourn. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

The next Board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 9 in the Liberty Elementary School Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael McMahon  
Planning & Zoning Administrator